



Ward Notification

Tucson Fire Department

Fire Chief Patrick Kelly



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Date: April 24, 2009

Ward 5 – House Fire – 2200 Block of East Poquita Vista

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Dispatch Time – 1339

On-Scene – 1345

Transport Time – 1359

A man was installing a new hot water heater on the outside of his home when this fire started. The conduction of heat, from materials being soldered, heated wood-type materials in the ceiling space and a fire spread very quickly. Neighbors noticed flames coming from the roof, knocked on the front door to alert occupants, and called 9-1-1. The man, his wife, and their dog all escaped safely without injury. Twenty-one firefighters and seven fire units arrived on scene and extinguished the flames 14 minutes later.

Red Cross will be assisting this family with food, medications, and shelter.

They will be displaced until repairs can be made.

Damage estimate - \$25,000

Cause – Accidental – Conduction of heat ignited combustible materials

Safety Message: When working with tools and equipment maintain awareness of your surroundings at all times. Equipment can heat up while being used. During the process pay attention to materials that may be getting too hot. After using tools and equipment make sure they are placed in an area away from combustible materials.